

\*\*\*\*\* BEEF GRADING HISTORICAL RECORDS \*\*\*\*\*  
(MILLION POUNDS)

CY YEAR	POUNDS GRADED	QUALITY GRADES																% of FEDERAL SLAUGHTER		YIELD GRADES														
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1930	69	FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE - SEE FOOTNOTE /2																	1.2%															
1931	159																		2.7%															
1932	208																		3.8%															
1933	238																		3.9%															
1934	262																		3.3%															
1935	268																		4.2%															
1936	450																		6.3%															
1937	408																		6.2%															
1938	598	27	4.5%	283	47.3%	187	31.3%			54	9.0%	34	5.7%	11	1.8%	2	0.33%		9.0%															
1939	509	10	2.0%	232	45.6%	176	34.6%			55	10.8%	29	5.7%	6	1.2%	1	0.20%		7.5%															
1940	579	12	2.1%	230	39.7%	234	40.4%			69	11.9%	25	4.3%	7	1.2%	2	0.35%		8.3%															
1941	789	13	1.6%	308	39.0%	344	43.6%			86	10.9%	26	3.3%	9	1.1%	3	0.38%		10.1%															
1942	1,478			439	29.7%	560	37.9%			284	19.2%	173	11.7%	15	1.0%	7	0.47%		17.3%															
1943	6,691			1,297	19.4%	2,081	31.1%			1,544	23.1%	984	14.7%	785	11.7%				80.8%															
1944	8,328			865	10.4%	2,329	28.0%			2,104	25.3%	1,560	18.7%	1,470	17.7%				94.9%															
1945	9,067			1,258	13.9%	2,791	30.8%			2,421	26.7%	1,506	16.6%	1,091	12.0%				92.4%															
1946	6,681			1,049	15.7%	2,512	37.6%			1,710	25.6%	869	13.0%	541	8.1%				76.0%															
1947	2,932	6	0.2%	305	10.4%	1,536	52.4%			695	23.7%	252	8.6%	138	4.7%				29.0%															
1948	2,022	FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE - SEE FOOTNOTE /2																	23.1%															
1949	2,280																		24.9%															
1950	2,262																		24.5%															
1951	6,250																		73.1%															
1952	8,784																		94.1%															
1953	6,529																		54.2%															
1954	5,708																		45.3%															
1955	6,050																		45.8%															
1956	6,989	401	5.7%	3,994	57.1%	1,843	26.4%	153	2.19%	249	3.56%	300	4.29%	39	0.56%	10	0.14%		49.6%															
1957	6,943	366	5.3%	4,097	59.0%	1,883	27.1%	263	3.79%	115	1.66%	174	2.51%	37	0.53%	8	0.12%		50.1%															
1958	6,449	231	3.6%	3,998	62.0%	1,847	28.6%	190	2.95%	72	1.12%	77	1.19%	29	0.45%	5	0.08%		49.6%															
1959	6,728	191	2.8%	4,445	66.1%	1,776	26.4%	170	2.53%	55	0.82%	77	1.14%	12	0.18%	2	0.03%		50.8%															
1960	7,058	199	2.8%	4,660	66.0%	1,773	25.1%	199	2.82%	57	0.81%	156	2.21%	12	0.17%	2	0.03%		49.1%															
1961	7,439	260	3.5%	5,149	69.2%	1,590	21.4%	202	2.72%	45	0.60%	145	1.95%	45	0.60%	3	0.04%		49.8%															
1962	7,400	243	3.3%	5,135	69.4%	1,620	21.9%	192	2.59%	55	0.74%	125	1.69%	28	0.38%	2	0.03%		49.6%															
1963	8,312	306	3.7%	6,040	72.7%	1,616	19.4%	170	2.05%	37	0.45%	120	1.44%	21	0.25%	2	0.02%		51.8%															
1964	10,053	439	4.4%	7,215	71.8%	1,756	17.5%	204	2.03%	38	0.38%	184	1.83%	214	2.13%	3	0.03%		55.7%															
1965	10,295	611	5.9%	7,577	73.6%	1,593	15.5%	188	1.83%	57	0.55%	195	1.89%	73	0.71%	1	0.01%		58.1%															
1966	12,037	770	6.4%	9,158	76.1%	1,742	14.5%	125	1.04%	50	0.42%	150	1.25%	42	0.35%				61.8%															
1967	12,729	919	7.2%	9,774	76.8%	1,758	13.8%	93	0.73%	35	0.27%	125	0.98%	25	0.20%				63.7%	10	0.9%	403	35.4%	706	62.0%	19	1.67%	1	0.09%					
1968	13,081	889	6.8%	10,181	77.8%	1,717	13.1%	75	0.57%	39	0.30%	165	1.26%	15	0.11%				63.3%	17	0.7%	776	33.8%	1,467	64.0%	31	1.35%	2	0.09%					
1969	13,385	911	6.8%	10,382	77.6%	1,727	12.9%	75	0.56%	43	0.32%	222	1.66%	25	0.19%				63.9%	26	1.0%	949	37.3%	1,542	60.6%	24	0.94%	3	0.12%					

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1970	13,927	949	6.8%	11,082	79.6%	1,649	11.8%	54	0.39%	33	0.24%	150	1.08%	10	0.07%				64.9%	35	1.0%	1,154	32.7%	2,316	65.6%	24	0.68%	2	0.06%	
1971*	13,955	847	6.1%	11,173	80.1%	1,709	12.2%	58	0.42%	21	0.15%	138	0.99%	8	0.06%	1	0.01%		64.3%	(FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE)										
1972*	13,565	801	5.9%	10,951	80.7%	1,683	12.4%	31	0.23%	11	0.08%	81	0.60%	7	0.05%				61.1%	31	0.5%	1,612	26.2%	4,365	71.0%	132	2.1%	12	0.20%	
1973	12,142	745	6.1%	9,776	80.5%	1,489	12.3%	25	0.21%	15	0.12%	83	0.68%	8	0.07%	1	0.01%		57.6%	52	0.7%	1,984	27.4%	4,907	67.9%	255	3.5%	33	0.46%	
1974	12,403	779	6.3%	9,849	79.4%	1,444	11.6%	42	0.34%	38	0.31%	237	1.91%	14	0.11%				54.3%	71	0.8%	2,175	25.1%	5,829	67.3%	516	6.0%	75	0.87%	
1975	10,266	528	5.1%	7,936	77.3%	1,321	12.9%	72	0.70%	39	0.38%	317	3.09%	52	0.51%	1	0.01%		43.4%	151	1.7%	2,809	31.1%	5,746	63.6%	296	3.3%	27	0.30%	
1976	13,909	1,369	9.8%	11,062	79.5%	895	6.4%	58	0.42%	85	0.61%	365	2.62%	74	0.53%	1	0.01%		54.1%	227	2.1%	2,295	20.8%	6,900	62.4%	1,426	12.9%	210	1.90%	
1977	13,990	1,194	8.5%	11,661	83.4%	722	5.2%	38	0.27%	86	0.61%	267	1.91%	22	0.16%				55.9%	335	2.4%	4,306	30.9%	7,982	57.3%	1,156	8.3%	155	1.11%	
1978	13,551	826	6.1%	11,854	87.5%	643	4.7%	28	0.21%	47	0.35%	141	1.04%	12	0.09%				59.5%	294	2.2%	4,120	30.4%	7,906	58.3%	1,103	8.1%	129	0.95%	
1979	11,986	730	6.1%	10,671	89.0%	490	4.1%	19	0.16%	18	0.15%	52	0.43%	5	0.04%	1	0.01%		57.6%	214	1.8%	3,470	29.0%	7,044	58.8%	1,115	9.3%	142	1.18%	
1980	12,137	722	5.9%	10,800	89.0%	516	4.3%	26	0.21%	19	0.16%	50	0.41%	3	0.02%	1	0.01%		56.8%	199	1.6%	3,502	28.9%	7,087	58.4%	1,179	9.7%	170	1.40%	
1981	12,118	624	5.1%	10,954	90.4%	431	3.6%	16	0.13%	19	0.16%	67	0.55%	6	0.05%	1	0.01%		54.6%	229	1.9%	3,671	30.3%	6,928	57.2%	1,140	9.4%	149	1.23%	
1982		(FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE)																		(FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE)										
1983	12,122	472	3.9%	11,152	92.0%	423	3.5%	13	0.107%	13	0.107%	48	0.396%	1	0.008%				67.6%	54.7%	275	2.3%	4,221	34.8%	6,672	55.0%	856	7.1%	97	0.800%
1984	11,686	363	3.1%	10,829	92.7%	430	3.7%	12	0.103%	8	0.068%	43	0.368%	1	0.009%				65.1%	53.3%	406	3.5%	4,923	42.1%	5,767	49.3%	550	4.7%	40	0.342%
1985	12,776	457	3.6%	11,875	92.9%	386	3.0%	11	0.086%	8	0.063%	35	0.274%	4	0.031%				68.5%	57.6%	461	3.6%	5,195	40.7%	6,387	50.0%	667	5.2%	63	0.493%
1986	9,786	325	3.3%	9,155	93.6%	277	2.8%	5	0.051%	2	0.020%	20	0.204%	2	0.020%				69.0%	51.5%	385	3.9%	4,066	41.7%	4,768	48.8%	497	5.1%	45	0.461%
1987	12,127	382	3.1%	11,462	94.5%	265	2.2%	2	0.016%	1	0.008%	15	0.124%						64.3%	54.0%	447	3.7%	5,039	41.6%	5,982	49.4%	592	4.9%	52	0.429%
1988	12,567	379	3.0%	11,597	92.3%	579	4.6%	2	0.016%			10	0.080%						66.0%	56.4%	455	3.6%	5,045	40.2%	6,270	49.9%	716	5.7%	70	0.558%
1989	12,890	335	2.6%	11,105	86.2%	1,433	11.1%	1	0.008%	1	0.008%	11	0.085%	3	0.023%	1	0.008%		78.4%	66.9%	786	5.2%	6,403	42.7%	7,097	47.3%	644	4.3%	60	0.400%
1990	12,345	255	2.1%	10,172	82.4%	1,906	15.4%			1	0.008%	11	0.089%						86.7%	74.3%	1,164	7.5%	7,133	45.7%	6,799	43.5%	480	3.1%	38	0.243%
1991	12,919	289	2.2%	10,193	78.9%	2,427	18.8%			1	0.008%	9	0.070%						92.4%	79.8%	1,347	8.1%	7,363	44.0%	7,355	44.0%	611	3.7%	55	0.329%
1992	13,816	286	2.1%	10,315	74.7%	3,203	23.2%	4	0.029%	1	0.007%	7	0.051%						95.2%	84.5%	1,566	9.1%	7,898	46.0%	7,160	41.7%	491	2.9%	39	0.227%
1993	15,572	326	2.1%	10,377	66.6%	4,846	31.1%	8	0.051%	3	0.019%	12	0.077%						95.1%	81.3%	1,665	10.2%	7,831	48.0%	6,461	39.6%	322	2.0%	25	0.153%
1994	16,813	416	2.5%	10,895	64.8%	5,481	32.6%	2	0.012%	1	0.006%	18	0.107%						94.3%	81.9%	1,610	9.5%	7,648	45.2%	7,160	42.3%	455	2.7%	46	0.272%
1995	18,139	433	2.4%	11,276	62.2%	6,414	35.4%	1	0.006%	1	0.006%	13	0.072%						94.7%	82.2%	1,879	10.8%	8,174	46.9%	6,981	40.1%	354	2.0%	31	0.178%
1996	19,689	431	2.4%	10,964	60.4%	6,735	37.1%	1	0.000%	1	0.000%	7	0.000%						95.5%	81.1%	2,230	12.8%	8,417	48.2%	6,519	37.3%	271	1.6%	23	0.100%
1997	18,614	473	2.5%	10,906	58.6%	7,228	38.8%	1	0.000%	1	0.000%	6	0.000%	1	0.000%				95.4%	82.0%	2,416	13.9%	8,603	49.4%	6,160	35.4%	206	1.2%	14	0.100%
1998	19,955	662	3.3%	11,912	59.7%	7,374	37.0%	1	0.000%	1	0.000%	6	0.000%						95.7%	83.2%	2,230	12.0%	8,926	47.8%	7,189	38.5%	290	1.6%	23	0.100%
1999	21,314	660	3.2%	11,901	58.2%	7,880	38.5%	2	0.000%			5	0.000%						95.2%	83.5%	2,231	11.5%	9,259	47.8%	7,508	38.8%	331	1.7%	25	0.100%
2000	21,689	684	3.3%	11,906	57.3%	8,199	39.4%	1	0.000%	1	0.000%	5	0.000%						95.5%	84.0%	2,238	11.2%	9,280	46.3%	8,088	40.4%	393	2.0%	35	0.200%
2001	20,972	717	3.6%	11,503	57.1%	7,909	39.3%	1	0.000%	1	0.000%	2	0.000%						95.5%	83.0%	2,023	10.4%	8,651	44.6%	8,104	41.8%	538	2.8%	70	0.400%
2002	21,961	806	3.8%	12,334	58.3%	8,004	37.9%												96.0%	83.8%	1,806	9.0%	8,456	41.9%	9,047	44.9%	856	3.7%	104	0.500%
2003	21,155	608	3.0%	11,580	57.0%	8,108	39.9%	9	0.000%										95.5%	82.2%	1,939	9.6%	8,723	43.1%	8,456	41.7%	1,035	5.1%	109	0.500%
2004	19,874	585	3.1%	10,986	57.5%	7,458	39.0%	80	0.419%	1	0.005%	1	0.005%						96.3%	83.7%	1,888	9.9%	7,963	41.7%	7,772	40.7%	1,315	6.9%	155	0.812%
2005	20,193	602	3.1%	11,133	57.2%	7,679	39.5%	29	0.149%	3	0.015%	3	0.015%						96.0%	84.1%	2,046	10.6%	7,843	40.5%	7,735	39.9%	1,556	8.0%	199	1.027%

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\* INDICATES ESTIMATED FIGURES

- 1/ Grade designations are those in use at time data were reported.
- 2/ Breakdown on volume or percentages by grade not available for 1930-37 and 1948-55
- 3/ During the period of 1942-46, beef that met the requirements of the Prime grade were identified as Choice, pursuant to Amendment 5, MPR 169, Office of Price Administration.
- 4/ Quality grades Cutter & Canner were combined from 1943 to 1947.
- 5/ Total includes beef officially graded for the Commodity Credit Corporation (Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation prior to April 3, 1944)
- 1942 - 6.7 million lbs.

1943 - 18.5 " "

1944 - 28.1 " "

1945 - 109.3 " "

1946 - 168.6 " "
- 6/ Pounds designated as "0" are .5 million or less.
- 7/ Yield grade figures prior to 1967 are not available.
- 8/ Quality and Yield Grades were coupled in February, 1976.
- 9/ Grade name change November, 1987. The grade name of Good was changed to Select. Figures from 1930 through 1987 reference Good. Figures from 1988 to present reference Select.
- 10/ Quality and Yield Grades were uncoupled in August, 1989.

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